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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: M. Nguyen
MINORU KUSAKABE ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/671,623	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 8731
Filed: September 28, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	May 30, 2007
AND METHOD, AND STORAGE	:	
MEDIUM	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to restore the above-identified abandoned application to pending status on the grounds that Applicants never received an Office Action purportedly mailed on September 26, 2005.

## FACTS

1. In response to an Office Action dated March 23, 2005, Applicants filed an Amendment on June 23, 2005.

2. In telephonic conversations with the Examiner in October and December 2006 and in a subsequent review of the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, Applicants learned that an Office Action was purportedly mailed on September 26, 2005.

3. In a telephonic interview on December 5, 2006, the Examiner advised Applicants' undersigned attorney that the application is, in effect, abandoned. Applicants' undersigned attorney requested that either the case be restored to pending status or a Notice of Abandonment be mailed, officially abandoning the case.

4. A Notice of Abandonment dated March 30, 2007, was mailed and subsequently received by Applicants.

5. Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states and attests that a search of the file jacket and docket records for this application indicates that the Office Action was not received by Applicants' attorneys. To support this statement, a copy of Applicants' attorneys' docketing records for this application is attached, indicating that the last due date for this application was June 23, 2005, the deadline of the three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005. No due date for an Office Action dated September 26, 2005, was entered.

RELIEF REQUESTED

The Commissioner is respectfully requested to restore the above-identified application to pending status since Applicants never received the Office Action purportedly mailed September 26, 2005, through no fault of their own. It is respectfully requested that a new Office Action be mailed, resetting the period for responding to the Office Action.

FEE

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 for any petition fee which may be due. However, since Applicants believe that the abandonment occurred through no fault of their own, no fee should be due. Note MPEP § 711.03(c)I.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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4/5/2004	Z-INFO/DISCL	COURIER/DC
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